

FARMHAND NOW SOUGHT AS GIRL-BRIDE'S SLAYER

CITIZENS FIGHT W. R. E. CONTROL IN CAR FUSION

Federated Bodies Ask Utilities Board to Cut Fares on Capital Traction Lines.

DESIRE PUBLIC HEARING

Seek Regulation of Riding Rates by Congress—Opposed to Pepco Merger.

Taking cognizance of the recent statement of the Capital Traction Company that it is able to operate on a lower rate of fare in the District, and desires to do so, the Federation of Citizens' Association last night voted to ask the Public Utilities Commission to reduce fares on this line. The association will seek a public hearing.

POLICIES SUGGESTED.

The fare-reduction proposal was submitted by William McK. Clayton, chairman of the public utilities committee of the federation. This proposal was embodied with five other suggested policies for the federation. Among them are:

That the federation suggest to Congress that it assume the responsibility for fixing rates of fare in Washington.

That the federation oppose any merger which will give the present management of the Washington Railway and Electric Company control of the merged company.

That the federation, in event of a failure of a merger, shall ask Congress to repeal all street railway charters heretofore issued and issue one charter for the merged company, this charter to be good for a certain term of years.

That the federation oppose any merger of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company.

That the federation oppose any excess profits tax plan in connection with the local street railway companies.

RECALLS MERGER ATTEMPTS.

Before presenting the committee's recommendations, Clayton discussed at length the attempts at merger in the District of Columbia. He dwelt especially upon extensions of street railway systems and the necessity for them at this time.

"Nothing will be done on any extension program until the lines are merged," declared Clayton.

He had just completed a rather scathing denunciation of the railway companies for their failure to agree to a voluntary merger when he was interrupted by one of the delegates, C. A. Barker, who challenged him on one statement, that it cost the W. R. & E. \$200,000 to build an extension on Fourteenth street, between F street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Clayton stated that he was not sure of his figures, but was presenting them merely as hearsay.

"It seems to me the railway companies are being condemned freely enough, and I think they should at least be treated fairly," said the delegate.

A verbal combat began, but was checked by William B. Westlake, who was presiding.

A long and heated discussion followed the presentation of the committee's recommendations and Clayton was called upon to describe in detail each and every recommendation. Several votes were cast against the recommendations.

SCHULTEIS MAKES MOTION.

Albert Schulteis, from the Georgetown Citizens' Association, introduced a motion which would place the federation in favor of having Congress appoint a commission to condemn and purchase both roads, then sell the combined property to one corporation.

The motion was referred to the public utilities committee to report at the next meeting.

Mercury Hits 91 in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., May 22.—With the mercury at 91, weather officials declared today to be the hottest May 21 on record. The previous record of 87 was established in 1880, and was again reached in 1911.

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Fair Tennis Star New Flame of King Manuel

But Mile. Lenglen Denies "Bothering About Sweethearts, Particularly Royal Ones."

PARIS, May 21.—Ex-King Manuel, of Portugal, has a new sweetheart in the person of Mile. Lenglen, woman tennis champion of the world, according to the latest gossip, but Mile. Lenglen laughingly denied it today.

The former Portuguese monarch and Mile. Lenglen were paired together in the recent tennis tournament at Cannes, and it was noticed that Manuel paid more than passing attention to his fair partner both on the courts and off.

"I am not bothering about any sweethearts just now, and particularly royal ones," said Mile. Lenglen. "My only love is the tennis racket. I have no other."

Manuel and his wife are at present in Paris, and are nightly visitors at Maurice's dancing club. The ex-king gets a great deal of attention which delights him keenly. As he enters, the orchestra stops playing and phalanx of waiters dash forward to receive his hat and cane and lead him to a choice table. Maurice says that Manuel is one of the best dancers in Paris.

But Manuel is no stranger to the gay night life. It was here, according to common report, that he first met Gaby Deslys, when she was an obscure dancer. His assiduous attentions to the dancer, which were revealed after the Portuguese revolution, brought her into world-wide prominence and won her fame.



EX-KING MANUEL

KING'S NAVY TO ESCORT SIMS ACTION ON D. C. BILLS HEARER

British Admiralty Sends Flotilla to Meet U. S. Admiral—Plans Dinner in His Honor.

LONDON, May 21.—A flotilla of British destroyers will steam out to the Irish sea tomorrow to escort Rear Admiral William S. Sims, of the United States navy, to Liverpool aboard the steamship Cedric.

UNPRECEDENTED TRIBUTE.

By conferring an unprecedented tribute on a foreign citizen, traveling on a private mission, the British government is conveying its official recognition of Admiral Sims' frequent eulogies of the war work of the British navy.

Although the trip is unofficial, the admiralty is taking the American naval officer under its wing, issuing today a program for his visit. No call on King George is formally scheduled, but one certainly will be included. The Duke of Connaught was observed eagerly seeking information from Ambassador Harvey at the Pilgrim banquet, Thursday night, regarding the admiral's plans with a view of proffering royal compliments.

WILL VISIT BIG ARMORCLAD.

Aside from the various social calls, the visit includes an inspection of the British battleship Queen Elizabeth, one of the prides of the British navy.

A dinner will be given in Admiral Sims' honor by the first lord of the admiralty and also a luncheon by the Pilgrims.

The American naval officer will meet Marshal Foch at Cambridge University on May 31, when both receive the university's honorary degree of doctor of laws.

SHRIEKS INNOCENCE OF CHILD'S SLAYING

Detroit Woman in Court for Killing 6-Year-Old Boy Screams "It's Lies."

DETROIT, May 21.—"It's lies! It's lies! God knows it's lies!" screamed Mrs. Elizabeth Sarah Lewen, when arraigned today on the charge of murdering little six-year-old Max Ernest, whose body was found several days ago in a vacant lot.

"No, no, it is not so! They've cheated me! They've cheated me!" she shouted.

The court then ordered a plea of not guilty to be entered for her. The judge, directed that Mrs. Lewen be brought up next Tuesday for examination.

FRENCH HEADQUARTERS ON RHINE ARE MOVED

PARIS, May 21.—French military headquarters on the Rhine, which were removed from Mayence to Dusseldorf when it appeared certain that the allies would occupy the Ruhr district, have been moved back to Mayence, said a Mayence dispatch to L'Avenir today.

U. S. AIRPLANE FUND WASTED OUT ON BOND

---GEN. MENOHER

House Committee Findings Correct, Says Chief of Army Flying Service.

Secretary of War Weeks transmitted to Congressman Frear, of Wisconsin, chairman of the special House committee that conducted the aircraft investigation, a report from the air service stating that the charges made by the committee were correct.

MENOHER PREPARES REPORT.

The report was prepared by Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher, chief of the air service, at Frear's request. Frear inserted it in the Congressional Record yesterday as a reply to charges made by aircraft journals that the committee's findings were incorrect, and that the airplane program was not a failure.

The report showed that the American army in France did not have a single American-built scout or bombing plane at the front; that it had only a few hundred De Havilland 4's, and that quantity production was not developed.

The letter of Secretary Weeks stated that an expenditure of \$1,051,511,988 to June 30, 1919, had produced no American-built combat planes, no American-built bombing planes, 213 observation planes and 527 planes purchased from the allies.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the air service are now being audited in an effort to ascertain what portion of the billion and a half dollars appropriated for aircraft by Congress during the war was turned over to the Treasury, Secretary Weeks said.

"The answer from Secretary Weeks shows that the congressional reports contained accurate statements of the expenditures and obligations on the dates specified, and that no fighting aircraft were ever produced in this country of American manufacture," said Congressman Frear.

POCHT WANTS ACTION.

Congressman Benjamin K. Focht of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House District Committee, declared yesterday that he will ask the committee members to sidetrack all minor legislation to enable the committee to give an early report on the bills for a merger of the traction systems, school legislation and other measures of a utilitarian character.

"I have received hundreds of letters and personal calls from citizens of the District protesting against the slow progress of the legislation and urging the need of immediate action," said Chairman Focht.

"Traction legislation looking to a merger of the street car systems is generally viewed as the most important measure before the District Committee," continued Mr. Focht. "Congressman Zihlman of Maryland has abandoned all hope for a voluntary merger plan, and after a conference with him today I am prepared to say that the District Committee will clear the decks for this bill. I confidently expect that the House will adopt some sort of a merger bill before July 1."

PROMISES EVERY EFFORT.

"We are going to bend every effort toward getting the merger bill and whatever school legislation is decided upon clear of the committee and before the House by July 1," was Mr. Focht's concluding promise.

Congressmen are much interested in the proposed extension of the Ball rent bill and additional legislation of that character. Several members have announced their intention to introduce a bill levying a prohibitive tax on houses and apartments being held for sale and which are not occupied.

Generally speaking, this bill would compel landlords contemplating the sale of property to rent it on a month-to-month basis. These bills are advanced as proposed amendments to the Ball bill and would place the power of administration, levying the tax, etc., in the hands of the District Rent Commission.

SEVEN FIREMEN HURT IN \$300,000 SCHOOL BLAZE

PORTLAND, Me., May 21.—Seven firemen were injured, two probably fatally, by a falling roof when the Deering High School was destroyed by fire today.

MORE SHOTS FIRED IN W. VA. MINE WAR

Tent Colony At Lick Creek Is Scene of Fresh Outbreak.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 21.—A telephone message today from Lick Creek, where a tent colony of striking miners is located, informed Sheriff A. C. Pinson that firing was in progress there.

The message contained no details, but ten State policemen, en route from Martinsburg to Williamson, are believed to have had sufficient time to reach the colony, and it is thought that they may have been involved in the battle.

Whether armed forces will be required to make martial law effective in Mingo county will likely be decided at a conference to be held between C. F. Kenney, president of District No. 17, United Mine Workers, and Adm. Gen. W. B. Davis, representing the State.

PIER GUARD FINDS RARE GEM SMUGGLER DROPS

NEW YORK, May 21.—Last night, about 5 o'clock, after most of the passengers had left the Aquitania, E. L. Kelly, one of the guards, wandering about the pier, saw a bright object among some of the luggage stacked there. He reached over and picked up a diamond, pearl and platinum necklace.

Kelly took the necklace to the apartment's office, where it was said the gems, if real, are worth about \$40,000. The declarations of the passengers are being checked today to see if any of them declared the necklace on arriving. It is suspected that an attempt was made to smuggle the necklace in and the smuggler accidentally dropped in on the pier.

ITALIAN FACTIONS IN PITCHED BATTLE; 3 DIE

ROME, May 21.—Three persons were killed, two were fatally injured and many were wounded in a pitched battle between Communists and Extreme Nationalists at Chiassi, Tuscan, where post-election disorders continue.

Signor Platania, leader of the Extreme Nationalists at Rimini, was shot and killed last night, his assassin escaping.

'LADY RAFFLES' BROKER'S WIFE, WHO POSED AS MAID TO ROB, PAWN OF MASTER-MIND, SAY POLICE.

CHICAGO, May 21.—The possibility that Mrs. Etta Heil, forty-four, wife of J. S. Heil, wealthy banker and broker, may have been the "tool" of an organized ring of bandits, was considered by the police tonight as they followed up the confession made by the woman.

DISGUISED AS MAID.

Mrs. Heil confessed that she, despite her position of wealth, had disguised herself as a maid and lured homes of several North Shore residents.

The new theory was evolved after reports of mysterious telephone conversations, which Mrs. Heil is alleged to have had with unknown men, had reached the police.

SEEK ACCOMPLICES.

Victims of Mrs. Heil's raids declared it would have been impossible for her to have removed many of the articles taken unaided. On one occasion, a report said, a man was seen near the scene of her thefts.

Police are endeavoring to trace the telephone conversations, which were overheard by a neighbor on a "party" wire.

Mrs. Heil was released this afternoon on bonds of \$15,000. A formal charge of grand larceny has been placed against her.

STILLMAN IS READY TO DROP DIVORCE

Report Says Banker Will Pay "Fifi" \$100,000 a Year Alimony.

NEW YORK, May 21.—From sources close to James A. Stillman, word was permitted to reach newspaper circles tonight that the now celebrated divorce proceedings brought by the former banker against his wife, in which a Canadian half-breed Indian was named as co-respondent, has quietly been settled.

There will be no action in court, it is said.

The question of acknowledgment by Stillman of the maternity of little Guy Stillman is in doubt in so far as newspaper men were able to learn, and there were reports both that Stillman would withdraw his charge that the half-breed was the child's father and also reports that settlement was still to be reached on that matter with counsel for the youngster.

But that there will be a separation action and a settlement of upward of \$100,000 per year alimony for Mrs. Stillman and no divorce action, was stated authoritatively.

SHIP OWNERS TOLD BY DAVIS TO END STRIKE

NEW YORK, May 21.—Why fuss? Sign the agreement and end the strike." With this curt statement to ship employers, Secretary of Labor Davis arrived here late this evening, hopeful that it would be carried into action and thus end the marine strike, which, it is estimated, has been costing \$1,000,000 a day—\$15,000,000 so far.

Secretary Davis immediately sent for the two heads of the Atlantic Steamship Owners' Association, H. H. Raymond, president, and W. L. Marvin, secretary and general manager, for a conference.

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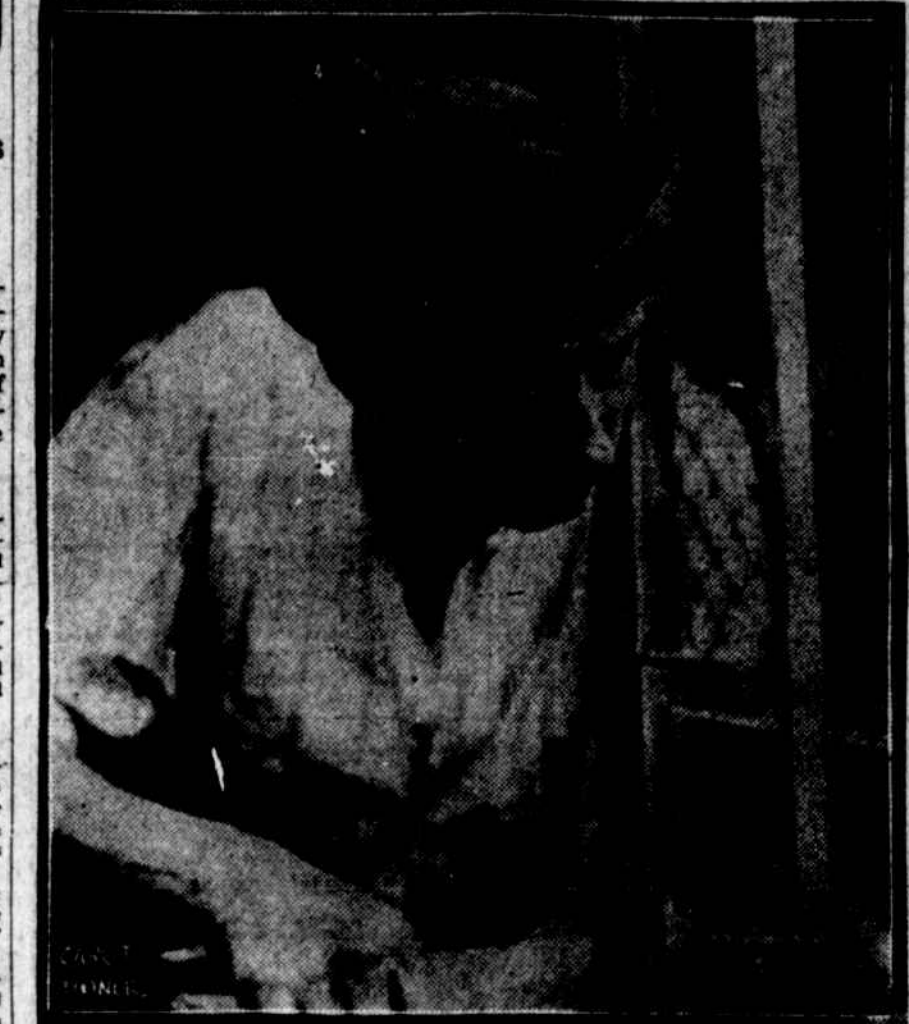
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C. B. LINTHICUM, mechanic, who was operating the torch that exploded Saturday at noon and set fire to a garage at Camp Meigs. Automobiles valued at \$200,000 were destroyed. He has only one leg and was unable to send in the fire alarm.



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District G. O. P. Faces Split As Foes Launch Fight to Oust Colladay

A coalition of the various refractory Republican groups in the District of Columbia to combat the alleged domination of the so-called "organization," now in control of Edward F. Colladay, national committeeman, is being planned by the leaders of the recalcitrant factions, and during the week they expect to ask President Harding for a showdown.

The initial step toward demanding recognition of the administration in matters of local patronage and party rights was taken yesterday when a delegation laid tentative plans before George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to the President, and explained that "harmony" was the slogan, although something should be done for those outside the official fold.

Those in the delegation and their respective political interests were: Louis A. Dent, president of the Harding and Coolidge Club of the District of Columbia.

Winfield Jones, representing Robert I. Miller, "original Harding man" and president of the Harding and Coolidge League No. 1 of the District of Columbia.

Aaron Bradshaw, veteran G. O. P. local leader, formerly identified with the Republican State central committee.

Sidney Bieber, former member of the National Republican committee from the District of Columbia, who has a large following in Washington.

Henry M. Camp, organizer of State Republican clubs and neutrally interested in such organizations in Washington and vicinity.

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NEW SUSPECT IS TRAILED IN WEBER DEATH

White Station Crime Now Laid to Colored Roustabout Seen Near Spot.

WAS IN NEED OF MONEY

Worked Three Days for Farmer in Neighborhood—Vanished Without Getting Pay.

Police of the District of Columbia and Maryland have sent out an emergency bulletin describing a young North Carolina negro who is suspected of having been guilty of the murder of Mrs. Margaret E. Weber, whose body was found Thursday afternoon near White Station, Md.

VANISHED WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The negro, who had been engaged Monday morning by Volney White, a farmer living near the scene of the crime, has not been seen since late Wednesday evening.

Detective Thomas Walsh, who investigated the murder, said today he is convinced the negro killed Mrs. Weber. Investigation shows that the woman was assaulted, murdered and then robbed. A wedding ring and a diamond ring, set with a small stone, were removed from her finger after it had been amputated. A wrist watch also was taken from the body.

Here are Detective Walsh's deductions:

The young negro being sought disappeared after he had worked for White only three days. He had not been paid for his labor, and, therefore, needed money. He was seen Monday and Tuesday traveling the path near the scene of the crime. He had visited a store to get something to eat on both occasions.

MISSING HER TRAIL.

Mrs. Weber left her home too late to catch the train she had intended to board, which necessitated a wait of nearly an hour. In the meantime, she had occasion to go to a spot about 100 feet from the station and while there the negro was on his way to the store. Seeing his advantage, while unobserved, he pushed her to the ground. The piece-nex being still affixed to her nose when the body was found is accounted for by the fact that she was in a position where she could easily have been pushed over. The unbroken eggs are evidence that the negro had laid them there before being attacked.

The powder marks on the left lapel of her coat and the upward course of the bullet indicates the pistol was aimed at her nose when she was shot. He left her breast with the barrel pointing toward her brain.

SUSPECT ROUSTABOUT.

Detective Walsh said, from the information he could gather, the negro seemed to be a village roustabout. The police will have a difficult feat to perform in running down the negro, as no one in the neighborhood could give a good description of him.

Sergeant Fred Sandberg, chief of the investigation bureau at Police headquarters, said last night he was convinced the murderer was a negro and a stranger in the neighborhood. He said there was no one in that neighborhood so desperate or so hard for funds that he would have committed such a crime.

TWO NEGROES RELEASED.

Two negroes, who were arrested at Laurel Friday, and held for investigation, were released last night after Constable Garrison had been convinced that they could have had no connection with the affair.

James Dickson, the Ardmore negro, who was locked up Thursday night for investigation, has not been released. He has told numerous conflicting stories as to his whereabouts on the morning of the crime.

MANY KILLED AS RIOTS BREAK OUT IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Egypt, May 21.—Fighting continued late yesterday between British troops and Egyptian Nationalists here and in Alexandria.

British cavalry swept the narrow streets here, clearing them of mobs of revolutionists. Renewed outbreaks were expected today.

BRITISH LAWYERS GO TO GERMAN WAR TRIALS

LONDON, May 21.—The British legal force, accompanied by thirty-seven witnesses, was en route today for Leipzig, where the trials of German war guilty are scheduled to begin Monday.

In the party were Solicitor General Pollock, King's Counsel Hume-Williams, Treasury Lawyers Gals and Woods.

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